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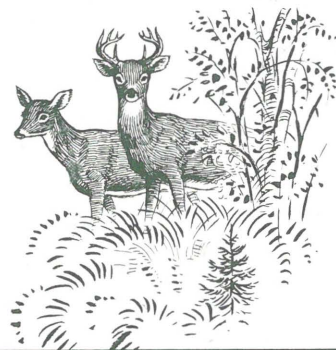
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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE FEB. 11:

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: DAMARISCOTTA LAKE IN JEFFERSON AND NOBLEBORO PRODUCED SOME GOOD SALMON IN THE  $3\frac{1}{2}$  POUND CLASS ON FEB. 5. FEB. 11, WHILE CHECKING ON HUNTERS AND ICE-FISHERMEN, I SAW TWO SETS OF HUMAN TRACKS AND DOG TRACKS GOING INTO THE WOODS; I FOLLOWED THE TRACKS AND CAME UPON TWO HUNTERS, BOTH CARRYING GUNS AND TWO RABBITS. BOTH HUNTERS STARTED RUNNING, AND THE CHASE LASTED ABOUT ONE-HALF MILE. ONE OF THE HUNTERS WAS APPREHENDED FOR HUNTING WITHOUT A LICENSE. ALL HE COULD SAY, AFTER GETTING HIS WIND BACK WAS: "THIS IS WHAT CIGARETTES WILL DO FOR YOU. IF I HAD NEVER STARTED SMOKING, YOU NEVER WOULD HAVE CAUGHT ME." THE HUNTER WAS 17 YEARS OLD. P.S. THIS MAKES ME FEEL BETTER TO THINK I WAS IN BETTER CONDITION THAN HE WAS; HOWEVER, I WAS GLAD THE CHASE ENDED WHEN IT DID!

FROM SUPERVISOR ROGERS, FEB. 18:

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: COLD WEATHER HAS SLOWED DOWN BOTH THE HUNTERS AND ICE-FISHERMEN. WE HAVE ABOUT 20 INCHES OF ICE ON THE LAKES AND PONDS. THE DOG-DEER PROBLEM HAS BEEN SLOW THIS WEEK. NEW SOFT SNOW HAS MADE IT HARD FOR THE DOGS TO TRAVEL.

WARDEN MELL RANDALL, TURNER: DOGS ARE RUNNING RAMPANT. THEY ARE CHASING DEER EVERY DAY AND AT NIGHT AS WELL. SOME DOG OWNERS CO-OPERATE BY KEEPING THEIR DOGS IN DURING THE DAYLIGHT HOURS. BUT THEY TURN THEM OUT AT NIGHT.

FROM SUPERVISOR ROGERS, FEB. 25:

WARDEN MELL RANDALL, TURNER: THE SNOW OF FEB. 23-24 CURTAILED THE DOG ACTIVITY AND MOST OF THE ICE FISHING.

WARDEN ORAL D. PAGE, BELGRADE: THE LATEST SNOW HAS MADE IT HARD GOING FOR THE SNOW-TRAVELERS. A FEW SALMON ARE BEING TAKEN FROM MESSALONSKEE LAKE UP TO FOUR POUNDS. WE NOW HAVE UP TO 36 INCHES OF SNOW IN THE WOODS.

WARDEN GEORGE EDWARDS, MT. VERNON: I CHECKED ONE NICE SALMON FROM PARKER POND ON FEB. 25 THAT WEIGHED  $6\frac{1}{2}$  POUNDS. ON THE WHOLE, THOUGH, ICE FISHING SEEMS TO BE POOR, WITH A CHECK OF ONE FISH CAUGHT FOR EVERY NINE FISHERMEN FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEB. 25.

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: THE SNOWSTORM WE HAD ON THE 23RD SLOWED EVERYTHING DOWN FOR A WHILE. NO HUNTERS OUT AND ONLY A FEW FISHERMEN, BUT THEY ARE NOT TRAVELING VERY FAR FROM THE ROADS. TRAPPERS HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS BUT NOT LIKE LAST YEAR.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JOHN SHAW, DIV. E, WILTON, FEB. 25:

WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: ON FEB. 16, I RECEIVED A REPORT THAT SOME LUMBER CUTTERS HAD SEEN A YOUNG FELLOW WHOM THEY BELIEVED TO BE LOST IN THE WOODS. I WENT TO THE SCENE AND FOUND THREE YOUNG MEN AGED 16, 17, AND 19 CAMPED OUT IN A BOUGH LEAN-TO. THE THREE MEN WERE FROM LEWISTON AND STATED THEY HAD BEEN DROPPED OFF AT SIX O'CLOCK THE NIGHT BEFORE AND INTENDED TO STAY A FEW DAYS IN AN OLD LOG CAMP. TWO OF THE LADS WERE VERY LIGHTLY CLAD AND HAD ON LOW, DRESS SHOES. THERE IS ABOUT TWO FEET OF SNOW IN THE WOODS WHERE THEY WERE CAMPED. THESE BOYS WERE PICKED UP THE MORNING OF FEB. 18 AND TAKEN HOME, NONE THE WORSE FOR HAVING SOUGHT SHELTER IN AN OLD LOG CAMP FROM TEMPERATURES OF MINUS 38 DEGREES.

FROM SUPERVISOR SHAW, MAR. 7:

WARDEN GRAY MORRISON, KINGFIELD: THERE IS A VERY LARGE BOBCAT TRAVELING THE DEAD RIVER AREA. CAMPS ARE HEAVY WITH SNOW IN ALL PARTS OF THIS DISTRICT. WITHOUT ATTENTION BEFORE THE SPRING RAINS, THERE COULD BE HEAVY DAMAGE.

WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: AS USUAL AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, THERE IS A MINIMUM OF FISHING AND HUNTING ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, THERE IS A LOT OF SNOWSLED ACTIVITY. IT IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO GO ANY PLACE AND BREAK A NEW TRAIL. WE HAVE AT LEAST THREE TIMES AS MUCH SNOWSLEDDING AS WE HAVE HAD IN PREVIOUS YEARS. I AM FINDING LESS DEER SIGN IN MY REGULAR YARD CHECKS THAN I OBSERVED LAST YEAR.

WARDEN MARTIN SAVAGE, OQUOSSOC: WHILE AT THE COVERED BRIDGE AT WILSON'S MILLS, I SAW A GREBE, A MALE WOOD DUCK, AND TWO BLACK DUCKS -- SURE UNUSUAL FOR THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR VIRGIL GRANT, DIV. H, HOULTON, MARCH 3:

WARDEN IVAN PORTER, ASHLAND: ON FEB. 21, IN T.12, R.10, THERE WAS A MEASURED 54 INCHES OF SNOW IN THE OPEN GROWTH. IT WAS SNOWING AT THAT TIME, AND SINCE THEN WE HAVE HAD 10 INCHES MORE HERE IN ASHLAND; I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH DROPPED IN THIS OTHER AREA (T.12, R.10). DEER ARE HAVING A VERY HARD TIME GETTING AROUND IN THIS SNOW BECAUSE THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ENOUGH CRUST TO HOLD THE DEER UP AT ALL. CAMP ROOFS ARE LOADED WITH HEAVY SNOW AND SHOULD BE SHOVELED OFF BEFORE THE SPRING RAINS.